

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 28, 2006

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to urge you to take immediate action to increase the corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) standards for cars and trucks. Under current law, your Administration has the legal authority to begin action today.


Too much time has been wasted. Today, the United States imports approximately 10 million barrels of oil every day to meet our energy needs. This occurs at great cost to the nation's economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and national security.


This situation is only expected to get worse. The Department of Energy expects that by 2025, the United States will be importing more than 20% more oil each day.

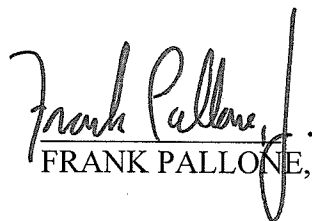
In your 2006 State of the Union address, you declared that we are "addicted to oil," and you proposed that we act to reduce this addiction. If you want to keep this pledge, you should act to raise CAFE standards. Although you claimed on April 27, 2006, that the Administration does not have authority to raise fuel efficiency standards on its own, this is inaccurate. Experts both inside and outside of government say that you have ample authority to act if you have the will to do so.

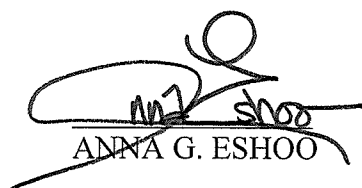
The nation's reliance on oil poses a host of risks to our nation. The faster we are able to adopt fuel efficiency standards to reduce this dependence the better off we will be.

Sincerely,


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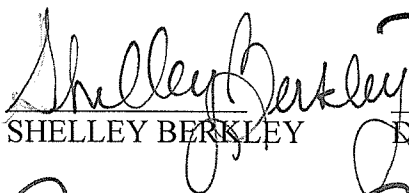

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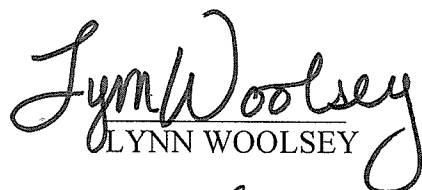

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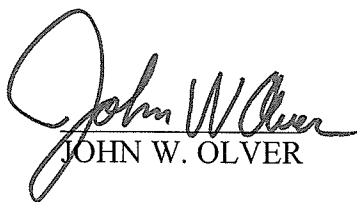

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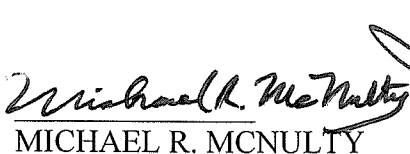

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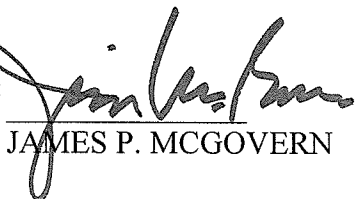

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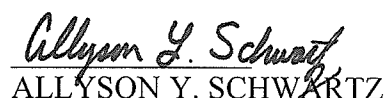

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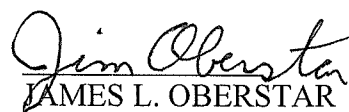

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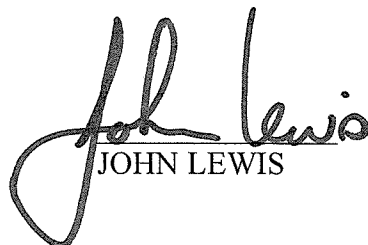

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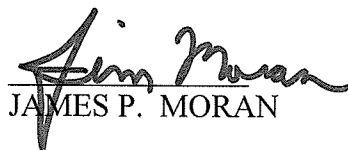

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